

## Proverbs 21

<sup>1</sup>The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.<sup>2</sup>Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.<sup>3</sup>To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.<sup>4</sup>An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.<sup>5</sup>The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.<sup>6</sup>The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.<sup>7</sup>The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do judgment.<sup>8</sup>The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.<sup>9</sup>It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.<sup>10</sup>The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.<sup>11</sup>When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.<sup>12</sup>The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.<sup>13</sup>Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.<sup>14</sup>A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.<sup>15</sup>It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.<sup>16</sup>The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.<sup>17</sup>He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall

not be rich.<sup>18</sup> The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.<sup>19</sup> It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.<sup>20</sup> There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.<sup>21</sup> He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.<sup>22</sup> A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.<sup>23</sup> Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.<sup>24</sup> Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.<sup>25</sup> The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.<sup>26</sup> He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.<sup>27</sup> The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?<sup>28</sup> A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.<sup>29</sup> A wicked man hardeneth his face: but as for the upright, he directeth his way.<sup>30</sup> There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.<sup>31</sup> The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.